## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (Cancelled)
- 2. (Cancelled)
- 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Cancelled)
- 5. (Cancelled).
- 6. (Cancelled)
- 7. (Cancelled)
- 8. (Cancelled)
- 9. (Currently Amended) A vehicular member construction comprising:

a pair of side members extending substantially in a fore-and-aft direction of a vehicle and spaced apart from each other substantially in a widthwise direction of the vehicle; and

a pair of cross members including a first cross member and a second cross member spaced apart from each other in the fore-and-aft direction of the vehicle connecting the pair of the side members;

wherein at least one of the pair of the side members and the pair of the cross members has a hollow cross section comprising:

a thin wall;

a thick wall which is thicker than the thin wall; and

connecting walls between the thin wall and the thick wall;

wherein the thin wall, the thick wall, and the connecting walls are monolithic with each other, <u>and</u>

wherein the thin wall, the thick wall and the connecting walls are free from an inscribed mating with each other, and

wherein at least one of the pair of side member members comprises a hollow cross section comprising a thin wall and a thick wall which is thicker than the thin wall, and a suspension link bracket for supporting a suspension link for linking the at least one of the pair of side member members and a wheel of the vehicle, the suspension link bracket being mounted on the thick wall of the at least one of the pair of side member members in such a manner that the thin wall is free from mounting with the suspension link bracket.

- 10. (Currently Amended) The vehicular member construction as claimed in claim 9, in which the at least one of the side member and the cross member pair of side members and the pair of cross members that has have the hollow cross section comprising the thick wall comprises a bent metallic hollow extruded aluminum material member, the aluminum material being one of aluminum and aluminum alloy.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The vehicular member construction as claimed in claim 10, in which the thick wall and the thin wall extend in a longitudinal direction of the <u>at least one of the pair of side member members</u>, and in which the thick wall and the thin wall are extruded sections.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The vehicular member construction as claimed in claim 11, in which the metallic hollow member has a hollow cross section which comprises a thin wall portion and a thick wall portion which is thicker than the thin wall portion.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The vehicular member construction as claimed in claim 12, in which the metallic hollow member is formed from an eccentric pipe comprising an

inner cylindrical surface and an outer cylindrical surface, a center of the inner cylindrical surface being eccentric from a center of the outer cylindrical surface.

## 14. (Cancelled)

- 15. (Previously Presented) The vehicular member construction as claimed in claim 9, in which the thick wall is formed through a hydraulic forming method comprising the following sequential operations of: bending a workpiece which is straight and hollow; and pressing the workpiece so that the workpiece has a cross section which is substantially rectangular in shape.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The vehicular member construction as claimed in claim 15, in which upper and lower dies used for the hydraulic forming method defines a cavity which is formed with an inner surface, and in which a gap defined between the workpiece and a **unique first** portion of the inner surface of the cavity is greater than a gap defined between the workpiece and **other a second** portion of the inner surface **other than the unique portion**, the workpiece being **of the** at least one of the **pair of** side **member members** and **or** the **pair of** cross **member members**.
- 17. (Cancelled)
- 18. (Cancelled)
- 19. (Cancelled)
- 20. (Cancelled)
- 21. (Cancelled)
- 22. (Cancelled)
- 23. (Previously Presented) The vehicular member construction as claimed in claim 9, wherein the at least one of the pair of the side members and the pair of the cross members

having the thin wall, the thick wall, and the connecting walls also has a plurality of portions having a convex outer wall and a concave inner wall.

- 24. (Previously Presented) The vehicular member construction as claimed in claim 9, wherein the thin wall is monolithic with a portion having a convex outer wall and a concave inner wall, and wherein the thick wall has a convex inner wall.
- 25. (Canceled)
- 26. (Canceled)
- 27. (Canceled)
- 28. (Canceled)
- 29. (Previously Presented) The vehicular member construction as claimed in claim 9, wherein the at least one of the pair of side members and the pair of the cross members has a cross section consisting of four walls and curved portions connecting the four walls.